



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/553,762  
Applicant : Tomoaki NAKAYAMA  
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Customer No. : 6449  
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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated August 14, 2006, the time for reply having been duly extended until December 14, 2006, by the attached petition, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.